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DECLARATION OF DR. NICOS A. NICOLA
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Sir:

I, Nicos Anthony Nicola, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am Assistant Director and Head of the Division of Cancer and Haematology of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research as well as Research Professor in the Department Of Medical biology of the University of Melbourne.

2. I hold a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Degree with Honors in Biochemistry and a Doctorate Degree in Biochemistry from the University of Melbourne. I have conducted research in haemopoiesis and cytokine biology since 1977. I have authored 301 publications in the area of cytokine biology. A true and correct copy of my curriculum vitae is attached hereto as

Exhibit 1.

3. I have reviewed the above-identified application (hereinafter referred to as "the '568 application") and I am familiar with the subject matter therein. I have also read the Office